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LETTER DATED 8 JANUARY 1998 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a copy of two notes verbales with their attachments dated 29 August 1997, and 23 December 1997, from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington D.C. to the Embassy of Pakistan to be forwarded to the United States Department of State on the violation of territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf region.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex I

Note verbale dated 29 August 1997 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington D.C. addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan and has the honour to quote the attached message in two copies, the original text and an unofficial translation, received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text be transmitted to the United States Department of State and our office be informed of their response.

Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, U.S. warships positioned in the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman have created nuisances for Iranian vessels on the following dates and times:

1. On 18 February 1997, a U.S. warship intercepted an Iranian tugboat named "Sadrahoma," at the position of N2930 and E4900, which was leaving Bushehr to Khoramshahr. Then, a U.S. speed boat, having an armed crew of 16, approached the tugboat and inspected it.

2. On 11 June 1997 at 0200 hours U.S. Warship number 47 created a nuisance for an unloaded Iranian floater en route from Kuwait to Khoramshahr. Then, at the position of N293828 and E490664 stopped the Iranian floater and several forces were sent to enter the floater for inspection.

3. On 11 June 1997 at 0300 hours, a U.S. warship number 661 at the position of N2932 and E4914 created a nuisance for an Iranian floater named "Mowla."

4. On 11 June 1997 at 2115 hours, a U.S. warship at the position of N2934 and E4933 created a nuisance for the ship "Alkyenis," which was en route from port Kembla in Australia to Bandar-e-Emam Khomainy. And about 20 crew members of the U.S. warship entered the said ship and inspected it.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such unjustifiable measures by U.S. aircrafts and insistingly calls for an end to these actions, being contrary to the principals of international laws.

Annex II

Note verbale dated 23 December 1997 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington D.C. addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington D.C.

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Enclosure

According to information received from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 9 September 1997 at 1321 hours, a U.S. S3 aircraft (four passenger aircraft which the United States uses to detect submarines) at the position of N2930 and E4945, having a speed of 360 nautical miles and an altitude of 1,800 feet, violated the Islamic Republic of Iran's territory by flying over its territorial waters and airspace for two hours.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such unjustifiable actions by U.S. aircraft, and insistingly demands that such actions, being contrary to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran, stop at once.